

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Tagg House

BA-2116

12501 Manor Road

Glen Arm, Baltimore County

Circa 1880

Private

The Tagg House stands as a representative example of the vernacular wood frame tenant houses constructed on rural farms throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th century. Located south of the intersection of Manor Road and Long Green Pike, the farm dates to a period of modest growth in the rural community of Long Green. By 1850, the land that would become the town of Long Green was still largely rural and traversed primarily by rolling farmland. A general store and post office were located along Manor Road south of Long Green Pike's terminus at Manor Road. By 1877, however, Long Green Pike had been extended past Manor Road and the town of Long Green, which was also known as Unionville, was centered on that intersection. A store was sited on the northwest corner of the intersection of Long Green Pike and Manor Road. In addition, several churches and a schoolhouse were located in and around the community. By the late 1870s, much of the land, although it remained rural in character, had been subdivided for use as smaller farms. Long Green continued to develop slowly through the early 20th century, and by 1915, several additional residences were built along the two main roads. Long Green has retained its rural, agrarian character through the late 20th century.

The Tagg House is a two-story, wood frame building clad in German siding with a cross gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. One interior stretcher bond brick chimney rises through the roof at the intersection of the three-bay-wide main block and the one-bay-deep ell. The dwelling sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The building's façade, or northeast elevation, features an offset four-panel single-leaf wood door, two 2/2 windows and one 6/6 window, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. The first story openings are sheltered by a three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by round wood posts. A one-story, one-bay-square addition with a shed roof was constructed circa 1930 on the rear of the ell. The Tagg House is part of a larger agricultural farm complex (BA-1703) on which there are additional historic and non-historic resources, including a circa 1880 main house, two circa 1880 ruins, a circa 1880 tractor shed, circa 1880 wash house, circa 1900 corncrib, a circa 1935 shed, two circa 1940 pumps, a circa 1940 shed, and a circa 1960 greenhouse.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Tagg House

2. Location

street and number 12501 Manor Road not for publication

city, town Glen Arm vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William J. and Rose I. Mester

street and number 12501 Manor Road telephone Not Available

city, town Glen Arm state MD zip code 21057

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 13413 folio 552

city, town Towson tax map 53 tax parcel 61 tax ID number 1113040075

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Contributing <u>7</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Contributing <u>11</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing <u>2</u>

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

2

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The Tagg House is part of a larger agricultural farm complex (BA-1703) on which there are additional historic and non-historic resources. Constructed circa 1880, the main house on the property is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide dwelling of weatherboard-clad wood frame construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and one rebuilt stretcher bond brick interior chimney rises through the center of the roof ridge. A two-story wood frame ell clad in German siding extends from the back of the building, and one rebuilt stretcher bond brick exterior chimney bisects the rear elevation of the ell. A one-story porch wraps around from the façade, or northwest elevation, to the northeast elevation of the main block. The façade is pierced by one four-paneled single-leaf wood door with a five-light transom, three-light sidelights over paneled dado, and a molded wood surround. Six 2/2 windows and two 1/1 windows, all of which have molded wood surrounds, square-edged wood sills, and operable louvered wood shutters are also located on the façade.

The circa 1880 wash house, is a one-story, board-and-batten sided wood frame building on a random rubble stone foundation. The building is capped by a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The façade is pierced by a flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door. The structure was converted in the mid- to late 20th century for use as an animal shelter.

The circa 1880 barn and smokehouse ruins comprise only random rubble stone foundation walls.

The circa 1880 tractor shed is a wood frame building on a random rubble stone foundation. The structural system has been further supported by brick piers at the corners. The building, which is clad in flush vertical board siding, features a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The tractor shed rises two stories, with a full-width vehicular doorway with no doors. The second story features a boarded opening. The main block is only one bay wide with a one-bay-wide shed-roofed addition on the side.

The circa 1900 corncrib, a wood frame structure clad in slatted vertical board siding, features a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The one-bay-wide, one-story building, which sits on a stone pier foundation, is pierced by a flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door.

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The one-story, one-bay square solid concrete block shed dates to circa 1935. The building has a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with sheet asphalt cladding in the gable ends. The façade is pierced by one pressed vertical board single-leaf wood door.

The one-story, circa 1940 shed comprises a wood frame structural system clad in flush vertical board siding with a wood post foundation. The shed roof is clad in sheet asphalt. Two single-leaf door openings, only one of which contains an extant flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door, pierce the façade of the two-bay-wide building.

Two circa 1940 steel pumps that rise roughly four feet from the ground are situated in front of the corncrib.

The circa 1960 greenhouse is a one-story building with a front gambrel roof clad in corrugated fiberglass. The building sits within the footprint created by the ruins of the barn foundation. The façade is pierced by one one-light single-leaf metal door and one two-light awning window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1880 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1880 ca., 1930 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Towson Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its circa 1880 construction, the Tagg House has been associated with the 48.209 acres known as tax parcel 61 of map 53 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

BA-1860
13530 MANOR ROAD

TOWSON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-BALTIMORE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 III SW
(JARRETTSVILLE)



30" 368 370 940 000 FEET 76° 30' 39° 30'



BA-1863
13224 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD

BA-1864

BA-0928
13010 MANOR ROAD
LONG GREEN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2113
4424 LONG GREEN ROAD
LONG GREEN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2112
12709 MANOR ROAD
LONG GREEN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0862
4507 LONG GREEN ROAD
LONG GREEN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0412
12605 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD

BA-1703
12501 MANOR ROAD
GLEN ARM
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